

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment was received on 10/14/2008, and has been entered and made of record. Currently, **claims 1 – 6, 8 – 13, 15 – 17 and 19 – 31** are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments (*see Remarks 10/14/2008*) with respect to **claims 9, 10, 12, 13 15 – 17, 19 – 29 and 31** have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections and objections of these claims have been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gerald Maliszewski (Reg. No. 38,054) on 1/14/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 30: In a network including a scanning device, a method for using a s
can description language (SDL) to manage the processing of a scan job,
the method comprising:

scanning a document at ~~[[a]]~~ the scanning device;

constructing a first scan job using SDL commands;
partially performing the first scan job at the scanning device in response to the SDL commands; and,
partially performing the first scan job at a node connected to the scanning device in response to the SDL commands, where the node is selected from a group consisting of a locally connected client, a network- connected client, a network-connected server, a locally connected server, another scanning device, and a telephone network-connected client.

Claim 31: In a network including a scanning device, a scanning device system for using a scan description language (SDL) system to manage scan jobs, the system comprising:

the scanning device including a first scan subsystem having an interface to accept a first scan job constructed using a scan description language (SDL) commands, to accept a scanned document, and to supply at least a partially processed first scan job in response to the SDL commands;

a first node connected to the scanning device including a second scan subsystem having an interface for accepting the SDL constructed first scan job and an interface to supply the at least [[a]] partially processed first scan job in response to the SDL commands; and,

wherein the scan subsystems delete SDL commands from the first scan job associated with a particular task, after the task is performed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. **Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 13, 15 – 17 and 19 – 31** are allowed.

Referring to **claims 1 and 30**, the innovative limitation that distinguishes the Applicant's claim is partially performing the scan job at the scanning device in accordance with the SDL commands **and then subsequently** partially performing the same scan job at another node in accordance with those same SDL commands (see *Remarks 3/31/2008 [page 11, line 13 – page 12, line 19] and Office Action 6/27/2007 [pages 18 – 19]*).

5. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ferlitsch (Japanese Patent No. 2008-085978) discloses a method and system for performing direct scanning with respect to client of destination.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Myles D. Robinson whose telephone number is (571)272-5944. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler L. Haskins can be reached on (571) 272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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